

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
)
	Daniel F. Justin et al.)
)
Serial No.:	10/749,332) Art Unit
) 3733
Filed:	December 30, 2003)
)
Confirmation No.:	9889)
)
For:	METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING A)
	TUNNEL THROUGH A PROXIMAL END OF A TIBIA)
)
Examiner:	James L. Swiger III)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated May 11, 2006, in the above-identified patent application be extended for two-month until August 11, 2006.

Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 28th day of July 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

/Dana L. Tangren, Reg. #37,246/
DANA L. TANGREN

Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 37,246
Customer No. 022913
Telephone No. 801.533.9800

DLT:dfw
W:\1344742\DFW0000019250\0001.DOC